

**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED
ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

April 11, 2014:

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

This is to give notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on behalf of the Responsible Entity, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, has determined that the following proposed action under the Landlord Rental Repair Program (LRRP) developed by the state to rehabilitate or reconstruct rental housing damaged by Superstorm Sandy, is located in the 100-year floodplain, and NJDEP will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the actions in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

Proposed action:

SRP0044264 -The 0.18 acre property site is entirely within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone "AE" Zone floodplain, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 329 of 611, Map Number 34029C0329F, effective September 29, 2006. The rehabilitation of 3 units of a 5-unit residential structure located at 51/55 Sampson Ave, Seaside Heights, Ocean County. The 0.18 acre property is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone AE, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 329 of 611, Map Number 34029C0329F, effective September 29, 2006.

SRP0044000: The rehabilitation and elevation of an existing 5-unit residential structure located at 1924 Bay Boulevard, Toms River, Ocean County. The 0.22-acre property site is entirely within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone "AE" Zone floodplain, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 329 of 611, Map Number 34029C0329F, effective September 29, 2006.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public education tool. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by NJDEP on or before April 26, 2014. NJDEP encourages electronic submittal of comments at www.nj.gov/dep/special/hudnotices/comments.htm. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: NJDEP, by April 26, 2014 Mail Code 401-07D, P.O. Box 402, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0402 during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Further information can be found on the Department's web site at www.nj.gov/dep/.

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